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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to the starred question No. 1167 of Sri K. Vinayakam, M.L.A., given in this House on 9th August 1954."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" May I know whether any general policy was formulated at that conference?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There was no such conference."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" May I know whether the Government of Madras are sincere and honest about solving this problem or whether they are simply holding a carrot before a hungry donkey? Or, as a Tamil proverb runs 'அழுகிற பிள்ளைக்கு வாழை பழம் காட்டுவது போல்,' are they simply stating everyday that we are going to get a Boundary Commission, at the same time, leaving us to our fate in the Andhra State?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" If the hon. Member is characterising himself as a donkey, I protest against that. (Laughter.) I may assure the hon. Member that we are as sincere as anybody else in solving this question."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" May I point out that 'holding a carrot before a donkey' is a well-known idiom in the English literature and that that I am not characterising myself or anybody as a donkey?"

* 88 *Q.*—

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" Sir, this question may be taken up to-morrow."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have already received answers to a number of questions. If I am to postpone questions in this way, it is not possible to place all the questions before the House."

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" This is a very important question, Sir. So, I request that it may be taken up tomorrow."

MR. SPEAKER :—" All right. It will be taken up to-morrow."

Raising the status of Tamil teachers in High Schools.

* 89 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from Chidambaram Tamil teachers in July 1954 requesting the Government to raise the status of Tamil teachers in High Schools by placing them on a par with teachers of other subjects and for other relief ; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The matter is under examination."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" When the question of the status of Tamil teachers is taken up and is under the active consideration of the Government, would the Government generalise it into language teachers including Malayalam teachers also? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, Sir."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Is the Hon. the Minister for Education aware of the fact that the Tamil teachers employed by the South Arcot District Board are not paid the scale of pay sanctioned by the Government while it should have been so paid? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It may be brought to my notice separately. I shall look into it."

Fixation of the number of seats for each district board.

* 90 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) the basis on which the number of seats is fixed for each district board; and

(*b*) the number of seats reserved for Scheduled Castes in each district board?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) Under section 7 of the Madras District Boards Act, 1920, the maximum number of members of district boards has been fixed at 52 and the minimum at 24. The number of seats fixed for district boards is on the basis of their population.

" (*b*) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" Sir, தீண்டப்படாதவர்களுக்கு ஒவ்வொரு ஜில்லாவிலும் நான்கு அல்லது ஐந்து ஸ்தானங்கள் கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. சுதந்திர நாட்டில் ஜனநாயக முறைப்படி ஜனத்தொகையை கணக்கிட்டு இந்த ஸ்தானங்கள் கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறதா ? அல்லது ஆங்கில ஆட்சி இருந்த காலத்திலே ஒவ்வொரு ஜில்லாவிற்கும் சில ஸ்தானங்கள் ஒதுக்கியதுபோல் கொடுக்கப்படுகிறதா என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" I want to have notice of this question."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Questions are over."

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[a] Printed as Appendix on page 285 infra.